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The bouncy castles, inflatable and rock climbing wall were in place at the Bradford Memorial Community Centre; the Bradford Lions were cooking up a storm on their BBQs, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community handed out tasty Samosas, and First Bradford Scouting brought a canoe filled with icy cold drinks, waiting for the start of Canada Day festivities in Bradford.

But first, Mother Nature put organizers to the test, as wave after wave of rainstorms moved through the area, followed by plunging temperatures.

The wet start to the festivities and the chilly temperatures had a dampening effect on the annual party. Attendance was low for the on-stage performances by Against the Wind, a Bob Seger Tribute Band; and the dancers with Elite Dance Corps.

It wasn't until after the Bradford Lions drew their first Early Bird Winner of \$1000, in their annual Mammoth Draw; after the presentation of the annual Civic Awards, and the appearance on stage of headliner Green Holiday, a Green Day tribute, that residents began to return to the Community Centre.

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Police Briefs

Mango the Spider Monkey made a break for freedom. The female monkey was spotted on the loose in Innisfil around 6 a.m. on July 3, on Linden St. in Alcona. Officers set up a perimeter and kept an eye on the monkey, calling Animal Control – and using bananas to keep the animal interested and in the area. When they

learned that Animal Control would not be attending, Police contacted Bear Creek Animal Sanctuary, which arrived shortly before 10 a.m., and successfully lured Mango into a cage. The owner retrieved the monkey – however, the Town of Innisfil has a bylaw banning ownership of exotic animals. Bylaw enforcement is now

investigating, and the monkey has been shipped off to the Elmalee zoo. Police speculate the monkey may have escaped the prior evening, frightened by Canada Day fireworks.

Impaired in collision

Bond Head – On June 30, just after 5 p.m., South Simcoe Police were called to a collision at the intersection of County Rd. 88 and 27 in Bond Head. During the investigation – discovering that the vehicle was under the influence of impairment. The driver was investigated and subsequently arrested for Over .080, and returned to the police station for further breath tests. A 52-year-old Innisfil man has been charged with Over .080, his vehicle has been impounded, and his driver's licence suspended for 90 days; he was released with a court date.

Possession of stolen property

Bradford – On June 28, just before 10 p.m., a South Simcoe Police Sergeant was patrolling Bradford when he saw a pick-up truck towing a skid steer on a flatbed trailer. Aware that the truck was probably not large enough to tow the heavy load legally, the officer stopped the driver and began an investigation – discovering that the vehicle was underseized, and the driver not licensed to haul a load of that size. Several tickets were issued, and an investigation was begun as to the ownership of the skid steer. After contacting an insurance company in Alberta, the officer learned that the skid steer had been stolen in 2015. A 50-year-old Wingham man was charged with Possession of Property

obtained by Crime, and the skid steer, valued at \$35,000, was returned to the insurance company. The accused has a court date in Bradford in July.

Road closure in Bradford

Bradford – A dump truck brought down overhead wires in Bradford West Gwillimbury on July 4, closing the 6th Line for nine hours. Just after 4:30 p.m. on Monday, a dump truck leaving a construction site on Line 6 near 10 Sideroad with its box up pulled the wires down across the road, effectively knocking out power to the area and blocking the 6th Line. South Simcoe Police, Bradford Fire and Emergency Services and hydro crews attended the scene. The lines were repaired, and the road re-opened shortly after 1:30 a.m. There were no injuries. Highway Traffic Act charges are pending against the driver.

Thieves nabbed

Bradford – Just before 6 p.m. on July 3, South Simcoe Police received a report of a stolen tractor trailer on Reagen's Industrial Parkway in Bradford. The owners of the truck tracked its location on GPS, and called police. Responding officers located the truck driving south on 10 Sideroad, and attempted to apprehend the tractor trailer – but a van behind the truck impeded their progress. Officers were able to stop both the truck and the van, arresting the van driver; the driver of the tractor trailer had fled the scene on foot. The York Regional Police K-9 Unit was called in, and tracked the suspect, who was eventually arrested.



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- Bake at 325 F for 8 minutes.

LAYER 2:

- Beat together:
- 1-8 oz softened cream cheese and 1 cup icing sugar
- Add ½ carton [8 oz] Cool Whip
- Spread over the base.

LAYER 3:

- Prepare 1 pkg. Lemon pie filling [not instant] and cool
- NOTE: I use Dr. Oetker as it is gluten free

LAYER 4:

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Point of View

Rethinking policy

After months of outraged reaction to its plans to remove children with Autism Spectrum Disorder over the age of 5 from the waiting list for government-funding Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) therapy, the Ontario government has backed down.

On June 28, new Minister of Children and Youth Services Michael Coteau announced that the new Ontario Autism Program designed to "provide all children, regardless of age, with more flexible services at a level of intensity that meets each child's need" will be rolled out one year early - in 2017, rather than 2018.

He assured parents of ASD children over the age of 5, currently on the waiting list, that funding will be available to access Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) or other services and supports in the interim period, until the new program is in place. In-school autism supports will also be strengthened.

Coteau announced an additional \$200 million investment in autism supports and services over the next four years, on top of the \$333 million in new funding announced

in the 2016 budget, over a five-year period. The money will support earlier diagnoses, additional family support co-ordinators, and new therapy spaces.

The announcement was welcomed by the Ontario Autism Coalition, Alliance Against the Ontario Autism Program, Autism Ontario, and parents - although there was some concern over the shift away from IBI, to the less intense ABA therapy.

But the fact remains that the government made an error in judgement and humanity, when it threw 2,200 autistic children over the age of 5, currently on the waiting list for IBI therapy, under the bus by making age 5 the cutoff.

The way to reduce wait lists for a service is never to make more people ineligible, but to improve the service. And the sooner children with Autism Spectrum Disorder receive therapy, the better the outcomes.

The province has now addressed those concerns. Too bad it didn't think the policy through in the first place, instead of putting families of children with ASD through so much stress, and so many sleepless nights.



From right, Bradford Lions Reg Hipwell and Jamie Jones present a donation of \$500 for the Bradford District HS Bleacher Fund to School Council Co-chair Anthony Melidy and Principal Peter Stone, as Lions James Leduc, Debbie Jeske and Bob Pegg look on.

Letters to the Editor

BDHS BLEACHER FUNDRAISER

To the editor: I have recently approached many local businesses and organizations regarding the BDHS School Council's Fundraiser, to buy bleachers for the high school's sports field. I have always been warmly received, and would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who have made a contribution. I would like to thank Scott and Laura Conroy from Conroy's No Frills, Michael Gutta from Ad-Dictive Designs & Promotion, Mikki Nanowski from The Bradford Print Shoppe, Antonio (Tony) Garcia from Polcino BBQ, Robin Evans from Sutton Group Future Realty, and the Bradford Lions Club for their generosity, without which this purchase would not be possible.

We are still collecting donations through the summer. If anyone would like to offer their assistance, please contact me at amelidy.gooddeeds@gmail.com.

ANTHONY MELIDY
BDHS SCHOOL COUNCIL CO-CHAIR

CELEBRATE CANADA'S HISTORY

To the editor: Every once in a while, we come across an article that really captures our interest and makes us think. Such was the case when our local newspaper ran an article about the Bond Head Women's Institute, inviting the public to submit what we believe to be a significant event, that has contributed and influenced the development of our magnificent country, Canada.

The history of Canada itself is absolutely full of fascinating stories, exploring resources of people, places and events, which factored into the evolution of this country. I was intrigued with the invitation, and upon researching many historical events, I have chosen to submit a particular individual(s) - who, in my opinion, helped make Canadian history. I encourage you to submit your valued opinion, on what you feel is a key Canadian historical moment - a simple gesture acknowledging our history and heritage as we approach our special birthday, Canada Day, and next year, our Sesquicentennial.

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FRANCINE GRENON
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Canada Day at the Legion

The Bradford Branch 521 of the Royal Canadian Legion invited the community to a Canada Day Party, July 1 – with entertainment by Rik Hawkins, a BBQ, and games for all ages, celebrating Canada's 146th Birthday.

Friday Night Social. Every Friday at 6 p.m., drop by the Legion at 115 Back St. in Bradford for a meal, at a reasonable price, followed by entertainment. On the first Friday of the month, it's Karaoke Night, with Bob Serran. On the 3rd Friday, it's Pub Night. Everyone welcome. No cover charge. July's Pub Night, on the 15th, will see Rik Hawkins return.

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MURIAN KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Having fun at the Bradford Legion, Lyndon, 3, on Canada Day in Bradford.



Ruth Novosad gets into the Canada Day spirit at the Legion in Bradford.



Entertainer Rik Hawkins entertained at the Bradford Legion's Canada Day celebration, and had everyone singing along with the classic rock, in Bradford.

Rising star on the Country scene

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

It takes more than perfect pitch to have a career in Country music.

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Naomi Bristow has all of the above.

Ever since she won the Alliston Idol contest at the age of 15, and took the Tottenham Bluegrass Festival by storm at age 8, back in 2006, she has been performing, and winning fans. She has recorded seven albums since 2008 – ranging from Yodeling Cowgirl tunes, to Gospel and Christmas music.

Now 18 and a student at Georgian College, Bristow performed at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre on June 11, and delighted an appreciative crowd with her music, her stories, and her self-deprecating humour.

Bristow talked about recording a duet with country great Vince Gill – “He still remembers me as a little Canadian girl” – and meeting Loretta Lynn in London, when she was 12 – “Such a wonderful, grand lady.”

And she sang songs that ranged from Country classics and tunes made famous by Elvis Presley, to folk and gospel.



MURIAN KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Young talent Naomi Bristow in concert at the Danube Centre on June 11.

It was a wonderful evening of Country music, and those who missed the concert may regret having lost the opportunity to hear a rising talent, in the intimate setting of the Danube Centre. Already voted “Fans' Choice” at the Havelock Jam-boree, two-time WMA Youth Yodeler of the Year, and winner of numerous other awards, Bristow is definitely on her way to a bigger stage – if personality, wit and talent have anything to do with success.

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COUNCIL RECESS: There will be no Council meetings in July. The next regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will take place on Aug. 2.

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Official Plan Review Project Launch**

Pursuant to Subsection 26(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.Q. 1990, c. P13, as amended

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

You are invited to attend a Special Meeting of Council to provide input as the Town launches its Official Plan Review. While there have been a number of amendments and studies completed in recent years, this is the first time the Town will be reviewing all policies since the last review and update was completed in 2002. Details of the date, time and location of this Special Meeting of Council are provided below:

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Zima Room Bradford West
Gwillimbury Library and
Cultural Centre
(425 Holland Street West)

Under the Planning Act, all municipalities in Ontario are required to have an Official Plan. An Official Plan is a policy document that articulates the goals and objectives needed to manage the physical changes of land uses in a community. Its policies are intended to reflect the desired social and economic outcomes of a community, and their linkage with the natural environment. It is the basis for all land use planning decisions in the Town.

Since the last review and update to the Town's Official Plan there have been a number of changes in Provincial and County land use planning policies. Therefore, the Town's Official Plan needs to be updated to recognize these changes, and to ensure its policies reflect the current future needs and goals of the community. The review is planned to be conducted in two phases, as below, and the above meeting is the first of many opportunities for the public to contribute to the Official Plan Review.

Phase 1 - Anticipated for completion in Fall of 2016, includes the following items:

- Employment Lands
- Downtown Revitalization
- Growth Projections and Housing Mix
- Seniors Housing

Phase 2 - Anticipated for completion by the end of 2017, includes the balance of policies, such as:

- Residential Lands
- Commercial Lands
- Community Uses
- Infrastructure

Any person may attend this Special Meeting to make written or verbal representation in regards to what revisions may be required. Written submissions must be addressed to Council and directed to the Director of Corporate Services / Municipal Clerk, as below.

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The personal information accompanying your submission is being collected under the authority of the Planning Act, and may form part of the record which may be released to the public. If you have any accessibility needs, please advise the Director of Corporate Services / Municipal Clerk, as above, at least one week before the meeting.

Information and updates are available on the Town's Official Plan Review webpage at www.townofbwg.com/Plan819G. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact one or both of the following:

- Ryan Windle, Manager of Community Planning, 905-778-2055 x 1401, or via email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.
- Alan Wiebe, Senior Planner, 905-778-2055 x 1403, or via email at awiebe@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury on July 7, 2016.
Rebecca Murphy, Director of Corporate Services / Municipal Clerk

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**Donation for BDHS Bleachers**

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, Bradford West Gwillimbury Deputy Mayor James Leduc joins realtor Robin Evans as he presents a cheque for \$3500 to Bradford District High School Principal Peter Stone, and School Council co-chair Anthony Melody, for new bleachers at the school. Evans, Realtor with Sutton Group Future Realty, hosts a Charity Golf Tournament every year – and distributes the money raised to a wide range of causes and charitable organizations. Among the groups that have benefited in the past are the War Amps "CHAMPS" program for child amputees, the Helping Hand Food Bank, Good Neighbours Campaign, and many others. On June 27, Evans presented a cheque for \$3,500 to the Bradford District High School Council, for new bleachers at the playing fields. He was thanked by Melody and Stone, who explained that the bleachers will be installed this summer. "The pads, the gravel bases are already in," Stone said. "The bleachers will be going in, in late August." The bleachers will provide seating for 200 at the south side of the field. Fundraising continues through the summer.

BBT asks council for cashMIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Bradford Board of Trade provided council with an update of its programs and activities - and its current growth in membership, which stands at 125, an increase of 10% in 2015.

President Nicholas Carriere talked about the BBT's Gala and Awards Night, its community barbecue, and annual Town and County

Living Show.

Carriere noted that the BBT had more sponsorship than ever for the show – but the number of vendors declined, and attendance was stagnant. He suggested that the venue – the old Bradford Community Centre arena at 125 Simcoe Rd. – "is starting to have detrimental effects on the event itself," with complaints from both exhibitors and visitors

regarding the chilly temperatures and hard cement floors.

He was asked why the BBT didn't bring in carpeting and curtains, to make the space more usable for the show, or hire an event manager. Carriere noted that the event is a fundraiser for the BBT; to make those improvements would be "so cost prohibitive" that it would swallow up all revenues. "It's just not

viable right now."

Carriere also talked about the BBT's role as an advocate for business and economic development, and partnerships with the town, Nottawasaga Futures and other organizations, to support, market and co-host events.

And he pointed out that, with the exception of one paid employee, everything is done by volunteers. It was the lead-in to a request for funding from the municipality.

Noting that the Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce, a comparable organization, receives \$13,500 a year from the Town of Innisfil – and that the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, while it doesn't receive municipal funding, has a much broader and larger membership base – the BBT delegation asked for \$10,000 from the town.

"We are functional right now, we are successful, but it's not ideal," said Carriere.

Council received the request, and referred it to budget discussions. As for the Bradford Community Centre, "that's a very important venue in town that we're not optimizing," agreed Mayor Rob Keffler. "We do want to work with you, we do want to make that venue better," he said, something that is currently under consideration by town facilities staff.

The Bradford Board of Trade hosts its annual Appreciation BBQ at the Millennium Clock Tower, 61 Holland St. East, on Friday, July 15, noon to 2 p.m. Free, courtesy of St. Louis Bar & Grill, Smoochie's Cakery and Mr. Sub/Countrystyle.



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Councillor Peter Ferragine presents the Civic Award for Sports Team of the Year (School) to Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Boys Soccer team which won the AA All-Ontario title at OFSAA, here accepted by Connor Monaghan and Adrian Joey Mongillo, in Bradford.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

BWG Mayor Rob Keffer presents the Civic Award for Organization of the Year to Danielle Belanger and the Bradford Children's Choir, on Canada Day in Bradford.

Civic Awards recognize community commitment, youth achievement

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

A big part of Bradford West Gwillimbury's July 1 celebration is the Canada Day ceremony, midway through the evening, that salutes the Nation and presents Civic Awards to this year's honourees.

Piped in by piper Mike Robb and led by the Bradford Legion's Colour Party, MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, and MPP Julia Munro joined Mayor Rob Keffer, Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Councillors on stage, at the Bradford Community Centre. The Bradford Children's Choir, led by Danielle Belanger, led the crowd in singing O Canada – then was called back on stage to receive the first award of the evening, for Organization of the Year, recognizing the Choir's contributions to special events in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Other Civic Awards presented included:

- Volunteer Service Award, to Sarah Burns – youngest volunteer at Wishing Well Sanctuary for rescued livestock.

• Volunteer Service Award, to Elsie Silva Kniff for her role in organizing the Terry Fox Run in BWG. Elsie was unable to attend.

• Senior of the Year, to Elaine Love, president of the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre since 2013, for her role in carrying out improvements and upgrades at the Centre, and improving the lives of Seniors. Love was unable to attend.

• Sports Team of the Year (School), to the Holy Trinity Catholic High School's 2015 Senior Boys Soccer Team, which won the Georgian Bay Secondary School competition and advanced to OFSAA – where they won the All-Ontario AA title, bringing home the Gold.

• Sports Team of the Year (Club), to the

U17 Bradford Eagles 1998 Girls Soccer Team – Canada's U18 National Champions in 2015.

• Civic Awards for Outstanding achievement, presented to three young Royal Conservatory of Music Gold medal winners – Marie Conceicao and Liza Davidenko, present to accept their awards, and Jennifer Reitzel.

• Athlete of the Year, to Becky Tresham – the Bradford half of the Beach Volleyball team known as the "Two Becks", who in 2015 won the 15U Div 1 Tier 1 Provincial Championship, took silver at the 12U Div 1 Tier 1 Canadian East Nationals, and this year qualified for World Championships, which were to take place in Brazil but were cancelled due to Zika virus. Tresham also plays Court Rep volleyball with the Aurora Storm, and badminton.

• Youth of the Year to Jenevieve Scobbie, runner and figure skater, who came back from personal injury to record several personal bests in 2015 and 2016.

• Civic Award for Citizen of the Year, to Robin Evans. The local realtor hosts an annual Charity Golf Tournament, which has contributed funds to the Helping Hand Food Bank, CHAMPS child amputee program at St. Jean de Brebeuf School, Deafblind Ontario, the Danube Seniors Centre, and several local families in need.

Evans received the award from Mayor Rob Keffer and Deputy Mayor Leduc, and promised, "I'm going to carry the torch on."

Councillor Gary Baynes noted it was an impressive group of honourees, especially the Youth – noting that they "seem like really great teenagers, off the field, court and track as well as really great athletes, on the field, court and track."

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Midsummer Shakespeare

The Humber River Shakespeare Company will be presenting a performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, outdoors on the grassy area beside the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library & Cultural Centre on July 13, at 7 p.m. The family-friendly production of Shakespeare's comedic romp is free, although donations are gratefully accepted (suggested donation is \$20). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come out for an evening of the Bard – the first time Humber River Shakespeare Company has performed in Bradford.

Dunkerron School Reunion

Calling all SS#1 Dunkerron students, teachers, spouses, school board members and neighbours... Dunkerron's annual public school reunion will be taking place Wednesday, July 27 at the 1812 Grillhouse (County Rd. 27 and Line 3, Dunkerron), starting at 3:30 p.m. A buffet featuring smoked barbecue brisket, chicken, sides, tea or coffee will be served at 5:30 p.m., only \$27 (incl. tax and gratuities).

The reunion will also feature karaoke, and an open mic – feel free to share a song, poem or most memorable moment about life at the old Dunkerron School. Especially wanted: tributes, memories and reflections on the late Orville Hughes (1921-2016), who was both a student and later a Simcoe County school board member, and played important role in the operation of Dunkerron School.

Please bring any school pictures, articles, etc. to share. RSVP to Linda Baker at 905-939-8361 or crinsoncroft@hotmail.com or Janice Dobney at jmdobney@hotmail.com.

Movies Under the Stars

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is bringing back "Movies under the Stars" – a series of free family-friendly movies, screened outdoors at the BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre on Thursday evenings during the summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, warm clothing and snacks to enjoy:

• **Zootopia** (PG) on July 14, sponsored by Genesis Gymnastics and Summerlyn Dental Care.

• **Lilo and Stitch** (PG), July 28, sponsored by Summerlyn Dental Care.

• **Goosebumps** (PG), August 11, sponsored by Summerlyn Dental Care.

• **The Good Dinosaur** (PG), August 25, sponsored by Summerlyn Dental Care.

Shows begin at dusk. For more information, contact Bethany Kuboniwa, 905-775-5359 ext. 5102 or bkuboniwa@townofbwg.com.



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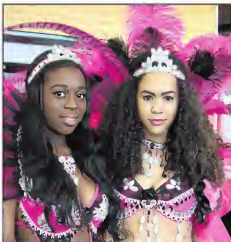
BRADFORD TIMES STAFF Caribbean & South Asian Showcase

The Ranji Singh Foundation has announced the 5th annual Caribbean & South Asian Showcase – a two-day festival in Newmarket, July 9 and 10, featuring fabulous food, fashion, children's activities, demonstrations, workshops, music and dance, held at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive. Festival runs from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. This year, the Festival is adding cultural performances from Russia, Korea, China, the Mediterranean and Latin America. The lineup includes the award-winning Pan Fantasy Steelband, South Asian classical and Bollywood dancers, Calypso Queen Macomere Flit, Destiny Band, Glenn Marais Band, Ballet Creole and more! Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry will be welcomed. For more information and details, see www.ranjsinghfoundation.org

Hola Latin Festival
Bradford's inaugural Hola Latin Festival, organized by The Latin Group (TLG) Inc.,

is coming to the Portuguese Cultural Centre at 767 Stimcoe Road on Saturday, July 16 – an evening of Latin fun, flavour and music! Heat up your summer with Salsa Instructor Flavio, entertainer Gustavo Salinas and dancers, and the music of Pablo Terry and Sol de Cuba. Doors open at 6 p.m., festivities begin at 7 p.m. Only \$20 per ticket, available from 905-252-5099, 416-457-4781 or admin@tlginc.ca - or at 3 Scoops Ice Cream, Bradford Jewellery & Gems, and Viva Mexico in Bradford. Cash bar and food, including taps from restaurants that include Gourmet Gringos, and Mama's Colombian Bakery. Great Door Prizes including a \$1500 voucher towards a Caribbean getaway from Verona Travel. A portion of the proceeds will go to El Sembrador ministry for Guest Agricultural Workers in BWG.

Bradford Ribfest
2016 Bradford Ribfest, organized by the BWG Events Group and a fundraiser for President's Choice Children's Charity, will be taking place in front of Zehr's Market at 500 Holland St. West, July 22-24. Five fabulous ribbers with



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Ayesha Pierre, left, and Courtney Augustine bring a Caribbean flair to The Latin Group Inc., in Bradford.

mouth-watering ribs, chicken and pulled pork - including new addition, The Big Kahuna, from Ontario. Children's Playzone and Midway, Marketplace, and live entertainment that includes Marshall Dane on Friday Night,

U2 Elevation on Saturday, and a Johnny Cash Tribute on Sunday. See Bradford Ribfest on Facebook, or bwgevents-group.org Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early bird winner

The Bradford Lions are selling tickets for their 63rd annual Mammoth Draw for Cars and Cash. Tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win a share of \$102,362.75 in prizes - including the 2nd prize of a 2016 Chev Camaro, and Grand prize of a 2016 Chev Colorado pick-up truck. Tickets also admit two to the Main Draw and Social Night, an evening of dinner, dancing, charity gambling, and entertainment by Top Legends Live tribute artists on Saturday, Sept. 10. The first of three "early bird" draws for \$1000 each took place at Bradford West Gwillimbury's Canada Day Celebrations. Winner was ticket #1547, held by Kevin Eck. The next Early Bird will take place August 20, at CarrotFest! Tickets are available from any Lion, or call 905-775-9170.

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Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion and Proposed Train Layover Facility in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Government of Ontario is committed to bringing more GO service to the GO rail network over the next ten years. This new service will bring frequent two-way, all-day train service 7 days a week to get you where you need to go. Since the announcement, Metrolinx has started work and is conducting environmental studies across the network to better understand what we can build and how we can build it.

The Project

As part of GO service expansion, the Barrie corridor will provide electrified, all-day, two-way service every 15 minutes to Aurora as well as regular peak, midday, evening and weekend train service to Allandale Waterfront GO Station. This service will be phased in over 10 years while we build additional infrastructure. To support this vision, Metrolinx is proposing to add an additional track on the Barrie rail corridor between Lansdowne Avenue (Mile 3.00) in the City of Toronto and Allandale Waterfront GO Station (Mile 63.00) in the City of Barrie. The study will review the impacts from the required rail corridor infrastructure improvements and a new train layover for overnight storage of trains in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to increase service.

The Process

Metrolinx is assessing the environmental impacts of expanding the Barrie corridor according to the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings.

Learn more and stay up to date by visiting metrolinx.com/RERBarrie.

Find Out More

Your feedback and community perspective is important to informing this project. Residents, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to find out more and ask questions to Metrolinx staff at the public meeting noted below.

You are also welcome to contact staff directly with information, comments or questions. When the TPAP formally begins, feedback and comments will be included in the final report that is presented to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change for approval. You are invited to attend the public meeting:

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Presentation: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre
 Don Harrison Auditorium
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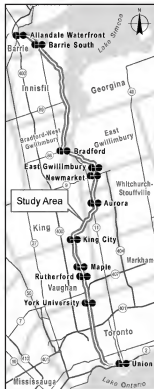
For more information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion Project
 c/o Georgina Collymore
 Senior Advisor – Environmental Assessment Communications & Community Relations
 Tel: 416-202-4921
 e-mail: RERBarrie@metrolinx.com

Comments and information regarding this Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact Georgina Collymore (contact information above) or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

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Charity golf at Nottawasaga Resort

The Nottawasaga Foundation holds its 24th annual golf tournament, dinner and auction fundraiser on Friday, July 15, at the Nottawasaga Resort in Alliston. The fundraiser includes a Ladies' nine-hole golf tournament in the morning, followed by a spa afternoon of massage and relaxation; Open Golf Tournament (18 holes, with cart); barbecue lunch at 11 a.m.; buffet dinner at 6 p.m., with live and silent auctions, awards, draws and prizes. Last year, the tournament and its events raised over \$345,000 for a long list of charities and organizations – including Stevenson Memorial Hospital, South Simcoe Arts Council, Simcoe County Museum, Community Living Association, Children's Aid Society, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Simcoe, and the MS Society – bringing the total raised to \$4.9 million. The foundation is hoping for another successful event this year; see nottawasagaresort.com for more information.

Free Family Fishing Week

Canadians can fish for free in Ontario, from July 2 to 10. It's Family Fishing Week, an event designed to encourage families to enjoy outdoor activities and learn about the sport of fishing.

There will be an Urban Fishing Festival and Learn-to-Fish program at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket on Sunday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., hosted by the Newmarket Optimists, Aurora Bassmasters, LSRC, Kids Cops & Canadian Tire, York Regional Police Association, and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. A limited number of rods and reels are available – bait is free – and kids can enjoy a free hot dog and drink.



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All about customer experience at McDonald's

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

When McDonald's restaurants first appeared on the scene, they were truly innovative – but it's been a long time since McDonald's has been considered anything but ordinary.

That's all changing, with the launch of two new initiatives at the restaurant chain. Initiatives that once again move McDonald's into the forefront, in terms of taste and customer experience.

One innovation is the new McCafé bakery – an in-house bakery designed to complement the McCafé line-up of beverages. Customers can choose an authentic French croissant, new Cream Cheese Danishes, mint pastries, cookies, muffins or a gluten-free brownie, baked fresh daily, to go with their espresso, Americano, latte or cappuccino.

The summer drink line-up has also expanded, to include real fruit smoothies, made with low-fat yogurt, vanilla chat or iced coffee frappés, but the real change is "Create Your Taste – Build Your Own Burger." It's something completely different,



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, Jason O'Neill, Bradford McDonald's owner, with customer experience rep Rosalie Bentulan and server Sharmaine Sosa.

ent, says Bradford McDonald's franchise owner Jason O'Neill. Customers can pick from 31 premium ingredients – starting with the choice of a Brioche-style bun, artisan bakery roll or lettuce wrap. There are five different cheese choices,

including Monterey Jack Jalapeno and Blue; nine sauces – from mustard, ketchup and Big Mac Sauce to Garlic Aioli and Sriracha; and 10 toppings (plus bacon) to pile onto a 100% Canadian Angus Beef patty.

And to make it easy, customers can order at the register or use a new automated kiosk, where they can select the choices, order, and even pay. "Once people try it, they really enjoy it," O'Neill says of the kiosks.

Build Your Own Burger has been tested in markets that include France and Australia, and has now come to Canada.

To make it all work, McDonald's restaurants have hired new servers, new chefs, "dressers" to put the toppings on the

burgers, and new customer experience representatives, who help with ordering, deliver food to the table, answer questions, provide more napkins and taken away trays.

The Bradford McDonald's, on Holland St. West, has hired 17 new staff members. "It's our entry into 'guest experience,'" says O'Neill. "We elevate the guest experience... it's about people enjoying what they want, when they want." The kiosks are proving especially helpful for families, that can take their time in making their choices, then sit down and have the meal brought to them. The new approach puts McDonald's into the forefront of a growing trend in dining: the gourmet burger. McDonald's, after years of watching burger-lovers slip away to find other options, is back.

On June 15, McDonald's held a "Friends and Family Night" in Bradford – for staff members and their families to try the new options, "making sure the quality is perfect."

Just a note: Customers can still order old McDonald's favourites, from Chicken McNuggets to Happy Meals.

Kumi Canada recognized for excellence

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Even though their shift had ended earlier, Associates at Kumi Canada Corporation stayed at the plant, located on Reagens Industrial Parkway in Bradford, to be part of a special awards presentation on June 17.

Once again, top brass with Honda Canada and Honda of America presented the auto parts maker with an award of excellence in quality and delivery.

Attending the presentation was BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, accompanied by Councillor Ron Orr, and manager of economic development Michael Disano. Mayor Keffer noted that Kumi Canada was one of the first industries to locate on Reagens Industrial Parkway in 1988. "Thank you for the jobs you've created, and the name you've made for BWG," he said, praising the company for its teamwork, "striving for excellence" – and thanking Honda for being "such an important

driver of the economy of Central Canada."

Kevin Chase, Kumi Canada Corporation president since April of this year, spoke of the "remarkable team of passionate people" at KCC, who have received four awards for excellence in quality, four for excellence in delivery, and in 2014, achieved the triple award for quality, delivery and excellence in value.

"We take these awards and this performance very seriously," Chase said.

Bill Easdale of Honda of America Manufacturing Inc. noted that in 2015, Honda had 644 suppliers. Of those 644, only 93 received awards recognizing excellence – and only 19 received a double award, for both quality and delivery.

"It's not just recognition of teamwork," Easdale said of the awards and the company's "We are Team Honda" campaign. "It's a celebration of the important contribution you make to our success... on time and every day."

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Pickleball comes to Bradford

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times



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It's one of the hottest new sports, with one of the oddest names.

Pickleball - a cross between tennis, table tennis and wiffle ball - is catching on, not only among seniors but any age group interested in a sport that offers a low-impact version of tennis.

It's played using a large paddle instead of a racquet, and a perforated bouncing ball, on a modified badminton court with a low net (only 36" high; 34" at the centre). Generally played in pairs, the rules require serves to be directed to the opposite player, across the net. And the ball must bounce once, inside the lines, before it can be hit back - no slams or smashes.

"It's a game that people who can't play badminton or tennis can play," says Nick Warman, Manager of Clientele Recreation Services at the BWG Leisure Centre, where Pickleball is offered as a drop-in pick-up game, in the gym.

During the year, Pickleballers meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Leisure Centre; during the summer months, in July and August when day camps will also be using the facilities, games will be offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 12:45 p.m. on

Lining up a serve in Pickleball.

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So what about the name? There's a story that Joel Pritchard, the Washington State Representative who helped invent the game in 1965, named it after his dog "Pickles." In fact, wife Joan Pritchard has reportedly said, the game was named after the "pickle boat" - the last boat to return to the harbour, or in rowing, the last boat to be crewed, where the oarsmen are picked from the leftovers of other boats. When Pritchard and his guests went to set up a badminton game, they couldn't find the shuttlecock - and ended up improvising, using a wiffle ball, and making paddles out of plywood taken from a shed.

"The dog was named for the game," Joan said.

Whatever its origin, the game "is a ball," says player Dave Morton. "People of all ages, all shapes and conditions - we have all kinds



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Mixed Doubles Pickleball. come out to play."

The growing popularity in Canada has seen the number of places where Pickleball is played double since 2010 - but the popularity here is nothing compared to the U.S., where there are thousands of identified Pickleball locations, from Alaska to Florida, and leagues and tournaments for its tens of thousands of players.

Bradford Minor Softball... at bat!

T-BALL DIVISION

June 20, Kidney vs. Royalty Stone. Kidney showed great stamina - and Bentley was solid in-field and on the pitcher's mound, Jake caught several grounders and threw them to team-mates at the bases; and Logan, Jayden and Mason's bats were on fire, with his that scored run!

June 23, Disette Animal Hospital vs. MFC Landscape Contracting. MFC had great defensive play throughout the game, including solid fielding by Ryeer V. and Sandro G. - and awesome RBIs from Hailey O. and Maddox Z.

ATOM DIVISION

June 21, Bradford Lions Club - 9, Back Alley Cruisers - 7. In a close match, Cruisers rallied late in the game but came up just short; special recognition to Sebastian D., who made an unassisted double play; Charlie G. who had a great out at 2nd base; and Leah S. and Coen H. for strong fielding, keeping runners from advancing.

June 21, Vin Bon - 6, Robin Evans Real Estate - 5. Robin Evans had many strong defensive plays, and great hitting; great games Eli C., Grace S., Addison C. and Charles H.

June 21, Zoom Security Systems - 18, Robert W. Ratunsky Law - 9. Zoom Security's Triston K. hit everything he saw; Tempest C. had 2 solid singles; James R. had 3 hits. Great game!

MITE DIVISION

June 22, W.B. Skowarchuk Ltd. - 14, Roy Gordon Law - 10. Skowarchuk had great base-running from Park and Mookie, who each scored a run, and a nice double from Nathan.

SQUIRT DIVISION

June 20, CG Technologies - 10, Vince's Market - 7. CG Technologies had great heads-up base running from everyone, but especially Matthew A. in the first inning outstanding pitching from Josh H. who only allowed 1 run and struck out the first batter in the 2nd - and an amazing final inning from catcher Michael F. and pitcher Alex S., catching pop flies and striking out 2 batters to end the game.

June 23, Robert W. Ratunsky Law - 15, Perfect Moves - 14. Kyle B. hit a hard single in the first. Avery M. and Sophia S. walked all 3 at-bats and scored twice, for Robert W. Ratunsky Law.

PEEWEE DIVISION

June 21, Heather Haddon Tix Prep - 15, Universal Mobile - 10. Universal had great catching from Dawson and Darcy, awesome doubles by Sarah M. and James, wicked base-running by Jordan with a slide to safety at 2nd base, excellent pitching from Kaitlyn and Tyler C., a sweet home run and RBI from Matthew, and excellent fielding by Megan M., Addison, Adam and Michael, in a great team effort.

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Recognizing the national champions

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF
In 2015, the U17 Bradford Eagles 1998 soccer team exceeded all expectations – including their own.
Their goal was to win the Ontario Title, but the team went on to win not only the Provincial, but the National U18 Title.

At the 2016 Canada Day celebrations in Bradford, the Town followed up on a promise: To install a permanent sign recognizing their achievement, at the Cercio soccer field.

"This team went undefeated in the regular season. Their goal was to win the Ontario Championship; they did that,"

said BWG Mayor Rob Keffler, then advanced to the Nationals in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where they took the title with a 4-0 win over Calgary.

Team Captain Angelica Galuzzo thanked the town and the team's sponsors for their support. "It's an honour to be able to represent Ontario, and to come home with a National Championship," she said, noting that 14 of the team's 18 players have received post-secondary school soccer scholarships, to play at schools that include the University of Cincinnati, University of South Florida, McMaster University,



Bradford Eagles U17 Girls soccer team, and their coaches, with the permanent sign installed at Cercio Field, honouring their National Championship win – unveiled in Bradford.

and Princeton.

The sign, unveiled on July

1, is at the northwest corner of

Cercio Field.

Community Listings

THURS., JULY 7

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Paul James Band performs. Outdoors beside the Bradford Public Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Simcoe Rd. at 6:30 p.m. Free. Bring your own lawn chair, blankets and snacks. Note: No rain date.

FRI., JULY 8

MAGICAL DUDA: Fun for the family Magic Show, at the Cookstown Library at 1 p.m., Lakeshore Library at 3 p.m. \$4 per person.

SAT., JULY 9

SCOUTS BOTTLE DRIVE & YARD SALE: First Bradford Scouting is hosting a fundraiser to send Scouts to the 2017 Jambooree in Halifax. At the Bradford Sobeys, Holland W. and Melbourne Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To arrange a pick-up of "empties" or donation to the yard sale, contact Lloyd George at 905-960-4400.

AUTHOR VISIT: Isabel Warren, author of the historical novel In Them Days went to the Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. S. in Newmarket, 1-2 p.m. Free, but please RSVP to 905-953-5334 or elmanmuseum@rogers.com

FASHION WORKSHOPS WITH NATASHA LOKSHIN: At the Lakeshore Library in Alcona, Innisfil, for ages 7-10. Kids will design their own 19th Century fashion line, in this series of workshops, held Saturdays, 1 p.m. culminating in a fashion show on Aug. 13th. Cost is \$5

per workshop.

5TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN & SOUTH ASIAN SHOWCASE: Presented by the Rangji Singh Foundation, July 9 and 10 at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket. Noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, drop in to enjoy fabulous food, fashion, children's activities, demonstrations, music and dance – with performances from Russia, Korea, China, Latin America and the Caribbean, including Calypso Queen Macomere Fili, Ballet Creole and more! Free, but donations of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry will be welcomed.

SUMMER LATIN RHYTHMS: A dance organization by the Innisfil Latin Organization, at the Innisfil Ideal LAB and Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd., 8 p.m. Door prizes, music, dancing, food & drink available (\$5 plus event). Tickets are \$25 in advance from www.innisfil.library.on.ca/latinfores or \$30 at the door.

SUN., JULY 10

TAYAN'S BIRTHDAY WISHES TO HEAVEN: 33rd annual fundraiser in memory of Tayah Fairbrother takes place at the Canadian Tire Store parking lot in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a bouncy castle, fundraising BBQ, huge community garage sale, Superheroes, Disney Princesses, raffles, Silent Auction, live DJ, Ponies, Jousting Ring, fire trucks, face painting and a balloon release. A fundraiser for the families of three local children fighting cancer.

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MON., JULY 11

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Churchill Community Centre in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Marian Jarvie will talk about "Hardy Gems for Ontario Gardens." Flower show will feature the Best Lily Award. This is Visitor Night; all are welcome.

WEDS., JULY 13

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: The Humber River Shakespeare Co. presents a performance of Shakespeare's comedic play – outdoors, beside the Bradford Public Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., at 7 p.m. Free, but donations gratefully accepted. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Weather permitting.

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Cycling for Sight, on Ontario roads

NANCY BOBALA

Special to The Bradford Times

The Foundation Fighting Blindness was created in 1971 in the U.S., when several families affected by vision loss came together in support of each other, and to raise funds for vision research.

Foundation Fighting Blindness Canada has been supporting research and programs since 1974, raising funds through the Ride for Sight motorcycle ride, and Cycle for Sight - a premier cycling event, in Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia.

One of the most successful and challenging Cycle for Sight events is the Toronto-to-Town of Blue Mountains/Collingwood one-day, 160 km ride. The inaugural ride in 2009 saw 48 cyclists making the journey to Collingwood; this year's Cycle for Sight, which took place on June 18 under hot sunny skies,

attracted 230 cyclists.

Seventy adventurous cyclists rode the entire 160 km distance, from Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto, to the Town of Blue Mountains - many of them elite athletes, with high-end carbon fibre bikes, who have been cycling the tour for years.

There were several teams of tandem bikes - the pilot in front, and the passenger, a person with a visual impairment, such as Retinitis Pigmentosa or Macular Degeneration, in the second seat. Some of the teams and other riders joined the Cycle for Sight tour in Alliston, for an 80 km ride to Blue Mountains.

The tour left Toronto travelling along Jane St., then cycled side roads through King Township and New Tecumseth, with a lunch stop in Alliston. Cyclists were greeted by members of the Alliston Lions Club, and several young cheerleaders, and



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Participants in this year's Cycle for Sight, for the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

provided with a variety of sandwiches, pizza, salad, vegetable and fruit trays, granola bars and power drinks, much of it donated.

King City Lions manned a water stop; Stayner Lions provided refreshments on the final leg of the tour. Lions Clubs are involved in the Foundation Fighting Blindness and its fundraisers; in 1925, Helen Keller, spokesperson for the DeafBlind, urged

the Lions to become "Knights of the blind, in the crusade against darkness."

The first cyclists began to arrive in Town of Blue Mountains shortly after 2 p.m., pulling in to the Craiglith Ski Club to the cheers of volunteers. A hand played, while cyclists were served a BBQ chicken dinner and refreshments.

There was a focus on safety, during the ride. Cyclists

checked in via a smart phone app, and seventy-five volunteers at various locations, support vehicles, and a qualified Paramedic helped ensure everything went smoothly. By 6 p.m., all had arrived, following the blue arrows - to ride the buses back to Alliston or Toronto, their bikes loaded on trucks.

Each cyclist had to raise a minimum of \$600 to participate, but one team of 38

cyclists with the unusual name of "Mike Made Me Do It", raised an exceptional \$65,653. In total, \$320,630 was raised by this year's Cycle for Sight.

As Ontario's population ages, the number of people impacted by vision problems increases. Retinitis Pigmentosa is an inherited degenerative disease that leads to loss of peripheral vision, and affects 1 in 4,000 people. And the statistics suggest that more than 2 million Ontarians are affected by the 4 major causes of vision loss - glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy.

Help support research into the causes, and cures, of blindness. The next Cycle for Sight takes place June 24, 2017. Cycling the 160 km from Toronto to Town of Blue Mountains in a single day might be an experience you won't forget. See www.cycleforlight.ca

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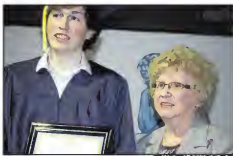
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Graduates at BDHS.... Farewell to high school

It was a night of recognition and a salute to achievement, for all of the more than 200 graduating students at Bradford District High School, who earned diplomas, Ontario Scholar certificates and in some cases, special awards, scholarships and medals.

For one student, there was a long list of earned honours. Tristan Derry received 10 awards in all, including the OSSST Award for Highest Standing in Advanced Functions, Mrs. C.V. Jenkin Award for highest standing in Calculus and Vectors, J.C. Wood Scholarship for highest academic average in 6 Gr. 12 University level courses, Masonic Award in Memory of Charles Watson for Highest Academic standing in University level Biology, IODE Sunny Evans Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Susan Kuzmyk Award for outstanding achievement in 3 science courses (a 96% average), Walter Hamilton Award for highest standing in University level Chemistry, Royal Canadian Legion Award for highest standing in University level



Audrey Angevine presents the Merle Woodcock Community Service Award on behalf of the Bradford Lions Club to Thomas Bateman, at the Bradford District High School graduation ceremony.

Physics, and Governor General's Academic Medal.

By the time he left the stage, it was to applause and a standing ovation – but every student received cheers and praise for their accomplishments.

"You can be proud of your accomplishments. Your commitment, perseverance and hard work are character builders that will follow you through the next stages of your life, and through your lifetime," BWG Mayor Rob Kellier told the students, expressing a

hope that many of them would find job opportunities in their home town.

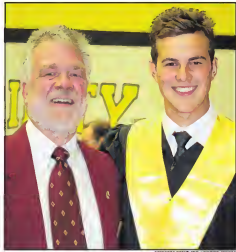
"It has been said that "two of the greatest gifts we can give our children are roots and wings." May our small town feeling always be with you, to ground you and give you your roots, and as you enter a new chapter in your life, may you explore and grow with your "wings," wherever life takes you, here in Bradford West Gwillimbury, or beyond," the Mayor said.

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Both Holy Trinity Catholic High School and Bradford District High School held their graduation ceremonies on June 29 – the one packing the large gym at the Catholic secondary school, the other filling the arena floor at the Bradford District Community Centre, as over 360 Grade 12 students graduated from the two schools.

At Holy Trinity, teachers Andrew Burke and Cole Kramer emceed, as they have done for years – using props to compare the graduating students to clay moulded by the process of Catholic education, spinny plans that over the 4 years of high school have grown into mighty maples, "plain boring" hamburgers and Cheese Fries to which a high school education added toppings, random LEGO bricks that combined to make a castle.

Burke, who delivered the Principal's Address, also quoted from Dr. Seuss, before advising the graduates to use their talents and skills to give back to their community, own up to mistakes – "You're going to make a lot of them, but we learn and grow from our mistakes. When you make



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bradford Lion Dietmar Jeske presented the Merle Woodcock Community Service Award for volunteerism to Alex Noglio, at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Bradford.

a mistake, own it, try to fix it the best you can" – and treasure their memories, from four years at Holy Trinity Catholic High School.

Speakers included Director of Education with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Brian Beal, local Trustee Jeanny Salmon, Bradford West Gwillimbury Deputy Mayor James Leduc – and Valuedorian, Shaundanya Melo.

"We have not been taught what to think, but how to think," Melo told her fellow Graduates. "The question isn't, What are we going to do? The question is, What aren't we going to do... This graduating class is capable of great things. It is our duty to share our talent and gifts with the world."

"We have the choice to sit out, or dance. I hope we dance."

Graduating in Bond Head

STAFF

At schools across Bradford West Gwillimbury, graduating students prepared to leave their home schools last week – Grade 8s looking forward to High School in the fall; high school students moving on to work, apprenticeships, college or university.

At Sir William Osler Public School in Bond Head, there were only 16 students in the graduating 2015-2016 Grade 8 class – but every celebration at SWOPS is a community celebration, and the school gym was filled with family members and friends, congratulating their students on the successful completion of Elementary School.

The theme this year was "Welcome to the Jungle," and wild animals and trophies decorated tables and gym walls.

Students received diplomas and Awards,



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Sir William Osler Public School Valedictorians, Carver Leggett and Cassidy Bone, at grad in Bond Head.

presented by the Lions Club, Tec-Wie-Gwill Women's Institute, Bond Head Women's Institute, Beintema Family and the

school itself. A reception followed the ceremony – provided by the parents of the Grade 7s, whose turn will come next June.

First grads at St. Angela Merici

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It was historic: the first ever graduation class at the new St. Angela Merici Catholic elementary school received their diplomas, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church on June 27.

Not only were the 36 Grade 8 students the school's first graduates, all of the winners of School awards were the very first to have their names engraved on the plaques that will hang on the school's walls - Julia Gurrocho on the Academic Award and Principal's Award for Leadership; Michael Carvalho on the Art and French Awards; Noah Miranda and Milena Trichilo as Male and Female athletes of the year.

Ciana Valedictorian Marianna Klana noted that the students came from many different schools, to make up the Grade 8 class.



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Teachers Mr. Mantulak, left, and Mr. Carvalho present awards to Milena Trichilo and Noah Miranda - First Male and Female Athletes of the Year at St. Angela Merici School in Bradford.

"I knew I had friends that would stick with me, but I made new friends as well," Klana said, describing 2015-16 as "such a wonderful year at St. Angela Merici... We've had a good year, and many

good memories. We should all be proud of ourselves, not only because we've graduated, but because we never gave up on ourselves" - and now move on to the next academic adventure, High School.

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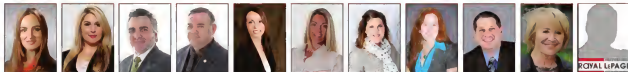
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